

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. HR-13

PG: 68-41-35  
Magi No.

DOE yes no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Bergmann's Laundry

and/or common The Maryland National Bank

**2. Location**

street & number 5504 Baltimore Boulevard

not for publication

city, town Hyattsville

vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Prince George's

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>district</u>	<u>public</u>	<u>x</u> occupied	<u>agriculture</u>
<u>x</u> building(s)	<u>x</u> private	<u>unoccupied</u>	<u>x</u> commercial
<u>structure</u>	<u>both</u>	<u>work in progress</u>	<u>educational</u>
<u>site</u>	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>entertainment</u>
<u>object</u>	<u>in process</u>	<u>x</u> yes: restricted	<u>government</u>
	<u>being considered</u>	<u>yes: unrestricted</u>	<u>industrial</u>
	<u>x</u> not applicable	<u>no</u>	<u>military</u>
			<u>museum</u>
			<u>park</u>
			<u>private residence</u>
			<u>religious</u>
			<u>scientific</u>
			<u>transportation</u>
			<u>other:</u>

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number

telephone no.:

city, town

state and zip code

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

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street & number

folio

city, town

state

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

N/A

date

federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This is a low-lying one story building with an off center front doorway, flanked by two show windows and an automatic bank teller that is close to an after hour depository. The facade is made of cut limestone with various Art Deco motifs e.g., two incised piers located at the corners. The north elevation is brick with a 6 course common bond and metal copings at the roof line. At the rear is a one story addition with three bays and made of brick. Two of the openings are automobile oriented i.e., two overhead garage doors and in the center a steel frame pedestrian door.

Also on what is now a parking area located to the north of the site, in the late 1940s was the food establishment, the Federal Diner. In the mid 1950s it was known as Fred's Diner and had a successful following of Hyattsville residents.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates late 1930s Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

By referring to the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of 1933 and 1939 it can deduced that this Art Deco building was constructed sometime during that interval. Built specifically for the Bergmann Laundry Company it now houses the Maryland National Bank.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Prince George's County Metropolitan Directory 1950  
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps 1939, 1959  
Polk's Maryland Washington Suburban Directory 1954/55

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

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